

OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

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(From Our San Francisco Correspondent.)

(Continued)

Market Report.

The local sugar market has ruled higher during the week than it has for the past two or three months, and prices are for stocks very low. No relief can be expected until the arrival of the new crop Hawaiian, as the California Refinery is placing all of its arrivals of Manila and Java sugars in bond in the temporary bonded warehouse on Mission Rock, so as to take advantage of the change of the tariff in March. The demand, however, for all grades will not be large till Hawaiian crop begins to arrive. Local prices are now fixed on the basis of 61 cents for granulated.

The Eastern market is steady, and gives promise of remaining so until the tariff bill goes into effect. There are no late developments in the case of the Sugar Trust, now before the New York Courts.

Parnell's Stand.

Charles Stewart Parnell, who has led the Irish party in the English Parliament since 1880, is being vigorously opposed for the leadership of his party by Gladstone, and by the majority of Irish members now in Parliament. Parnell's troubles really began less than two weeks ago, when an English Court decided the famous O'Shea divorce case by granting Captain O'Shea, one of Parnell's former friends, a divorce from his wife on account of criminal intimacy with the Irish leader. Parnell presented no defense to the allegations that were made, and as soon as the trial was over, there arose an instant demand for his retirement coming from the better class of Irish members and the entire Liberal party of England. It was represented to him that unless he immediately withdrew from public life the cause of Home Rule would be irretrievably ruined; but, nevertheless, he refused to retire. Several meetings of the Irish members of Parliament were held during the past week with a view to ousting Parnell. That leader had, however, rallied to his support twenty-three of the Irish members—the rag-tag and bob-tail element of the party, and occupying the chair himself, succeeded in out-generalizing his opponents. After several stormy meetings, the powerless majority seceded and elected Justin McCarthy, the novelist, as leader, to succeed Parnell. Parnell's faction renewed their confidence in their leader, and at the coming elections in Ireland the question of Parnell's continuance in public life will be definitely settled. Gladstone has positively refused to treat with Parnell under any circumstances, and if Parnell wins at the coming elections, it is stated that the Grand Old Man will retire from public life—that the English Liberal party will give up Ireland's struggle—that Harcourt will succeed to the leadership of the English Liberal party, dropping forever the alliance with the Irish party. Harcourt, it is said, has already begun negotiations with the Marquis of Hartington to induce that once-noted Liberal to leave Salisbury's camp in case Parnell is victorious and Gladstone retires. Parnell is now making a trip through Ireland, where he is welcomed by one faction and booed by the other.

Developments in Leprosy.

A dispatch from Vienna, under date of December 11th, says that Professor Ballooth, who has experimented widely with Dr. Koch's lymph, declares that the remedy produces a marked effect in cases of leprosy. What may be the result of its application to this case, remains to be seen.

A young white man born in Honolulu, and who resided there till he was 20 years of age, was committed to the Pest House some time ago. Since he went there he has contracted small-pox, owing to the fact that the leper (saretto) and the Pest House are in the same building. Developments in the case, as to how small-pox will effect a leper, are being watched for with interest by the medical fraternity. Thus far his chances of recovery are not good. During his confinement he has expressed a wish to be sent to Molokai, but on account of a lack of transportation facilities, the authorities have been unable to grant his wish.

George Gilley, first mate of the steam-ship Thrasher, which arrived in this port a few days ago, has been taken in custody by Health Inspector Boyle on suspicion of being a leper. An examination of Gilley's legs indicated leprosy scales, but another will be held to-day to determine whether the case is one of leprosy or syphilis. It is said that Gilley's wife, who was formerly a resident of this city, but who now lives at

Yokohama, is also a leper. Attention was attracted toward Gilley by several sailors in the employ of the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, who refused to sail under him as mate on the ground that he was suffering from a loathsome, if not contagious, disease. He is now at the Pest House.

American News.

A dispatch from Argentine says that the demand for the repudiation of foreign indebtedness is becoming stronger, and that more trouble is brewing. Not only are they in debt over head and heels to foreigners, but the Government has loaded itself with obligations to its own citizens which can never be carried out. It will not be surprising, therefore, if steps to repudiate are taken, and naturally the foreigner will be the first to suffer.

Mrs. Maria Price, colored, died the other day at the age of 110. She saw General Washington many times, and after a life of sixty years of slavery, purchased her liberty.

The sale of a valuable collection of the effects of George Washington and his executor and nephew, Lawrence Lewis, was held in Philadelphia during the week. Among the articles were Washington's private account books, letters, documents and personal effects kept by his relatives as mementoes. A letter from Washington to Lewis, another letter advocating the abolition of slavery, a small pocket memorandum book, six tickets of the Delaware Lottery, with a memorandum bearing their numbers in his own writing, a picture of Betty Washington, and other articles.

On the 11th instant, the House Committee on Banking and Currency adopted a resolution to request the House to set apart a day for the consideration and disposition of Chairman Dorsey's bill to reduce to \$1000 the minimum amount of United States bonds which the national banks shall be required to keep on deposit, and to permit issue of circulating notes by the national banks to the full amount of the par value of the bonds deposited. This would, it is said, increase the amount of money in circulation by \$18,000,000, and would result in a freer issue of national bank notes. When the bill comes up in the House, Chairman Dorsey will move an amendment to provide for the issue of greenbacks whenever the national bank circulation falls below \$185,000,000.

Foreign News.

Paris dispatches say that the greatest fears are entertained for the safety of the Russian expedition which set out in March, 1889, to continue the exploration of Tibet and if possible to reach L'Hassa. Owing to the fact that no news of the expedition has been received for several months, geographers and friends of the missing explorers have nearly given up all hopes of hearing that they are alive and well. It is feared that the entire party, which numbered twenty Russians, has perished. They may have fallen victims to the hostility of the Tibetans, or have perished of cold and want on the lofty plateaus of Tibet, or on some of the great mountain slopes. It is understood the Russian Government will immediately send a party out to see if any traces can be found of the missing explorers.

Clarence Greathouse, United States Consul-General at Yokohama, has resigned his position to accept the high office of adviser to the Korean King. Greathouse was formerly one of the most prominent lawyers at the San Francisco bar, and was one of the first appointments made by the Cleveland Administration in 1884. He was one of the eleven Chief Consul-Generals, and one of the few who were not removed at the time of the change of Administration.

A new remedy for diphtheria has been discovered in Germany by a peasant named Rieger, who seems to be allowed to experiment with it under the supervision of Professor Koch, is just stated, on the best authority, to be a fluid, which is painted on the ulcers and causes them to burst open. It also produces vomiting and a violent diarrhoea and the patient at the same time becomes exceedingly thirsty, but on no account is he allowed to drink any fluid for an hour after his throat has been painted.

The Chinese Government powder mills, located at Taiping-foo, blew up on November 24, killing some 300 people and wrecking all of the houses in the vicinity. Fifty men are said to have been at work in the mills at the time of the accident. Of their remains only two legs have been found. It is estimated that fully 1,000 houses in the village were destroyed.

Another gunpowder explosion has taken place in the city of Pa-chow, situated in the northwest of the province of Anhwei. One-half of the city is said to have been destroyed by fire.

Sporting News.

Slavin the Australian pugilist having declared that he will not leave England to fight anyone, the proposed match between him and

Peter Jackson at Melbourne has fallen through. Jackson is now on his way to San Francisco, and an effort is being made between the dusky pug and Jim Corbett, the champion heavy weight of the Pacific Coast. The California Club will probably offer a good purse to the men and it is believed that both men would readily agree to do battle for it.

Jack Dempsey has gone to New Orleans to finish training for his fight with Fitzsimmons, the Australian middle weight who has made such a fine record since his arrival in America. In the betting thus far the man from the Antipodes appears to be the favorite.

John Teemer, the oarsman, is here looking for a match with Peterson, the local man. Teemer is on his way to Australia to get a match with Kemp for the championship of the world.

The catch-as-catch-can world's championship has finally been settled and Evan Lewis, "The Strangler," is the proud possessor of it. In his recent contest with Joe Acton he beat the Englishman with comparative ease.

Shipping Items.

The yacht Undine of Santa Barbara was wrecked off Ventura last Saturday. It is known that Capt. J. N. Lord and two of the crew were lost and it is supposed that a fishing party was on board and that its members also went down. The craft was engaged in the fishing business and was valued at \$4,500.

Her Britannic Majesty's warship Melpomene, called at this port during this week en route from England to the Alaska station.

The new propeller for the U. S. warship Nipsic has been shipped from the Norfolk Navy Yard to Mare Island.

The crew of the C. D. Bryant from Honolulu have libeled the above named bank on account of being as they say packed in a close, ill-smelling room, called a jail, with several million marsh mosquitos. They languished there a week and returned to the vessel. By that time the cargo had been discharged. The cost of hiring extra hands was charge to them.

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